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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Senior Reclamation Biologist

RE: Site Inspection, WW Clyde, Piute Dam Quarry, S/031/008, Piute County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 6, 2003

Time of Inspection: 2:00 p.m.

Conditions: Clear, warm

Participants: Michael Jackson, BLM; Tom Munson and Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To check adequacy of reclamation at the site.

Background:

The Division had been notified that reclamation of this site was completed in March of 2003. Most of the disturbance is on BLM lands, with a small section of the access road on private lands. This site is just north of the Piute Dam.

Observations:

Backfilling and regrading of the site looked good with the exception of the access road to the top of the quarry could have been roughened more. However, there being no signs of instability or erosion, it is not necessary to have the operator redo this. Few plants were observed on the reclaimed area, (mostly weeds), which is probably due to a spring seeding and severe drought in the area.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Continue to monitor this site when in the area. A trip should be scheduled during the next growing season to see if seeded species are establishing. If not, it may be necessary to have this site reseeded.

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